

## **CLAIMS**

**1. A method on a computer for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, comprising:**

**generating a plurality of plans, each of the plurality of plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;**

**generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects;**

**reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects; and**

**executing the plurality of project plans, including allowing a user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects.**

**2. The method of claim 1, wherein the executing step further comprises:**

**executing the plurality of project plans, including providing to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects.**

**3. The method of claim 2, wherein the executing step further comprises:**

**executing the plurality of project plans, including providing to the user task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.**

**4. The method of claim 3, further comprising at least one of:**

**allowing the user to manage, over a network interface, the buffers across the plurality of projects;**

providing to the user, over a network interface, information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects; and

providing to the user, over a network interface, task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects.

5. A method on a computer for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, comprising:

generating a plurality of plans, each of the plurality of plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects;

reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects; and

executing the plurality of project plans, including providing to a user task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the executing step further comprises:

executing the plurality of project plans, including allowing a user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the executing step further comprises:

executing the plurality of project plans, including providing to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising at least one of:

providing to the user, over a network interface, task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects;

allowing the user to manage, over a network interface, the buffers across the plurality of projects; and

providing to the user, over a network interface, information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects.

9. A computer system for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, comprising:

a client module for generating a plurality of plans, each of the plurality of plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

a buffer module for generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects;

a reconciliation module for reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects;

an execution module for executing the plurality of project plans, comprising an interface for allowing a user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects.

10. The computer system of claim 9, wherein the interface further provides to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects.

11. The computer system of claim 10, wherein the interface further provides to the user task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

12. The computer system of claim 11, wherein the interface is provided over a network, such as a WAN.

13. A computer system for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, comprising:

a client module for generating a plurality of plans, each of the plurality of plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

a buffer module for generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects;

a reconciliation module for reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects; and

a execution module for executing the plurality of project plans, comprising an interface for providing to a user task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

14. The computer system of claim 13, wherein the interface further allows a user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects.

15. The computer system of claim 14, wherein the interface further provides to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects.

16. The computer system of claim 15, wherein the interface is provided over a network, such as a WAN.

17. A computer readable medium including computer instructions for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, the computer instructions including instructions for:

generating a plurality of plans, each of the plurality of plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects;

reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects; and

executing the plurality of project plans, including allowing a user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects.

18. The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein the instructions for executing further comprise:

executing the plurality of project plans, including providing to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects.

19. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein the instructions for executing further comprise:

executing the plurality of project plans, including providing to the user task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

20. The computer readable medium of claim 19, further comprising at least one of the following computer instructions for:

allowing the user to manage, over a network interface, the buffers across the plurality of projects;

providing to the user, over a network interface, information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects; and

providing to the user, over a network interface, task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects.